



October 22nd, 2023

Attributes of the month: Caring & Balanced

“Reflecting God’s Kindness!”

“In all things of nature there is something of the marvelous.” - Aristotle

Here’s where we’re headed in the classroom:

In Writing with Mr. Scholz, we are approaching our first major assessment of the unit! After many drafts and “re-visions” (literally, “looking again”), this Small Moment Story will be due on **Tuesday, October 31st** after we return from camp. We have one more day of in-class editing, review and polishing this week. Please review the rubric with your student (via Toddle assignment) and discuss where you are seeing strengths and areas of improvement. It is so exciting to see these drafts come together, and become inspiration for future 5th grade writing students!

This week in **Science** we will be learning more about ecosystems at Camp Seymour’s Environmental Education classes and activities! We will be checking in with each family to see how the students have made meaning and transferred their knowledge on this unit prior to student-led conferences later in November.

In **Religion** this week and next week, we now conclude our unit with a lesson on Ordinary Time, and God’s love as shown in the signs of sacraments and sacramentals. Our next unit shifts the focus from God the Father toward the Son and the Holy Spirit to complete the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons. We are also excited to share worship together with Mass at Camp Seymour! We will be reflecting on our experience of God’s creation during the week and when we return. This is a great link back to our very first lesson on creation! ***We will be writing down at least 3 half-page journal entries in our Camp Seymour journals reflecting on this amazing experience.***

This week and next week in **Math** with Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz, we will continue our new unit on Multiplying Multi-Digit Numbers. Mr. Carson will be continuing as our math coach providing

support and challenge for our rotating small groups. **Our weekly ALEKS expectation is that each student completes at LEAST 5 topics (& at LEAST 45 minutes) by Sunday night (not required during camp week).**

This week in **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamis, with Ms. Bakamis, students will be encouraged to bring a book to read at Camp Seymour. They will be turning in a **Book Report due on November 17th, 2023.** This book should be something that they've finished since we have started school and should be within their current Lexile Level. It is also expected that they take an AR Quiz on this book. **Our first trimester AR goal is 15 points!** **There will be NO Spelling this week due to our Outdoor Environmental Education at Camp Seymour.** **We will also be giving out the Spelling Bee Word Lists for your student to begin practicing for the Classroom Spelling Bee in late January and the School Spelling Bee on February 22nd!**

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday (Disney Day)** – PE & Library (both classes), Spanish (5B)
- **Tuesday (Pink/Barbie Day)** – Leave for Camp Seymour (please arrive to school at normal time and we will pack the cars, have a short blessing by Mr. Boyle. ***Don't forget a sack lunch - please NO peanut butter due to allergies)**
- **Wednesday (Crazy Shoe & Sock Day)** – Camp Seymour Activities & Classes
- **Thursday (Pajama Day)** – Camp Seymour Activities & Classes
- **Friday (Spirit Day - Blue & Gold)** – Camp Seymour (We will return to school in time for carpool at 3 pm & Extension is open)

Upcoming Dates:

Monday, October 30th - 5th Grade Halloween Celebration

Tuesday, October 31st – Trunk-or-Treat (Costumes may be worn to school)

Wednesday, November 1st – All Saints Day (All school Mass)

Thursday, November 2nd – Class photos and picture retakes